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(C) Pol/Econ Counselor on April 1 delivered reftel demarche to Joao Neves da Costa, the Middle East and Maghreb Director at the Portuguese MFA. Costa concurred with the view that the peace process can only make progress through adherence to the Quartet Principles. He also noted that the peace process would be a useful topic for discussion in the EU Council, but is not on the agenda in the immediate future. He asked for a readout of General Soliman's March 16 meetings in Washington, and we told him that the Egyptians and PA have expressed commitment to the Quartet Principles.

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